

30,000 MW hydro, 12,000 MW nuclear and balance 40,000 MW from thermal which may also include gas projects subject to availability of gas at reasonable price. Although gas is a relatively clean fuel, at present there is uncertainty about the availability, period of availability and price of gas. The 12th plan projects have not been finalized so far.

Rural electrification in West Bengal

†2974. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages included under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana in West Bengal;

(b) the details thereof; district-wise; and

(c) whether Government would make any special arrangement for hilly and remote areas where there is no facility of electricity?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC) has received 32 projects for 18 districts in West Bengal under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). In Phase-I of the scheme, funds for 13 projects have been released. District-wise details are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) All the villages including hilly ones, where grid connectivity is feasible and cost effective, are covered under RGGVY. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has a separate programme for electrification of remote villages. As per proviso-4 of Clause-3 of Rural Electrification Policy, all States have to prepare and notify a Rural Electrification Plan by February, 2007 wherein, *inter alia*, they need to mention the remote villages where grid connectivity is either not feasible or not cost effective. West Bengal Government has not so far notified the Rural Electrification Plan. Secretary, Ministry of Power has also written to Chief Secretary, West Bengal on 19.03.2007 in this behalf.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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Statement**Details of Projects sanctioned for West Bengal**

Sl. No.	Name of District	Name of State Power utility and Implemen- ting Agency	Total no. of villages concerned for Electrification	Rural households to be electrified under the project			Total sanctioned project cost(Rs. lakh)	Total awarded cost(Rs. lakh)	
				No. of villages to be electrified	No. of electro- fied villages	No. of rural BPLHHs to be electrified covered House hold electn- fication			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Bankura	WBSEB/ POWERGRID	451		451	12114	12114	3403.67	3410.40
2	Purulia	WBSEB/ NHPC/	467		467	9088	7575	4710.77	5178.13
3	Malda	WBSEB	11		11	223	66	79.03	95.36
4	Burdwan and Birbhum	WBSEB	13		13	489	156	99.66	118.10
5	Murshidabad	WBSEB	32		32	666	186	226.97	190.99
6	Dakshin Dinajpur	WBSEB	185		185	7361	2208	1545.17	2039.28
7	24 Parganas (North)	WBSEB	51		51	3195	944	434.48	492.40
8	24 Parganas (South)	WBSEB	82		82	2899	883	849.20	1266.34
9	Uttar Dinajpur	WBSEB	80		80	4303	1423	767.71	1109.10
10	East Midnapur	WBSEB/DVC	807		807	34069	22696	7771.44	7182.56
11	West Midnapur (Kharagpur Block)	WBSEB/	225		225	6452	4952	2029.92	2523.44
12	West Midnapur (PGCIL)	WBSEB/	1876		1876	65044	44629	16555.73	14747.04
13	Darjeeling	WBSEB	3		3	115	15	29.81	29.84
TOTAL			4283	0	4283	145918	97847	38503.56	38382.98